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SUBJ: EXPROPRIATION CLAIM OF AMCIT WILLIAM CHAPPERS

1. ON AUGUST 11 THE DCM RAISED WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY DE LA PIEDRA THE LONGSTANDING CLAIM OF AMCIT WILLIAM CHAPPERS FOR THE RETURN OF HIS PROPERTY SEIZED IN 1969. THE DCM PRESENTED AN AIDE MEMOIRE EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND OF THE CASE AND REQUESTING A PROMPT STATUS REPORT. HE ALSO GAVE DE LA PIEDRA A COPY OF THE OCTOBER 1977 PETITION OF CHAPPERS' LAWYER TO THE INTERIOR MINISTRY.

2. DE LA PIEDRA RESPONDED THAT THIS MATTER IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE INTERIOR MINISTRY BUT THAT THE PROCESS HAS BEEN SLOWED DOWN IN PART BY RECENT CHANGES IN PERSONNEL. (NOTE: A NEW INTERIOR MINISTER WAS APPOINTED IN MAY AND CHANGES AT LOWER LEVELS OF THE MINISTRY HAVE BEEN IN PROCESS SINCE THEN.) HE TOLD THE DCM THAT HE WOULD PURSUE THIS MATTER WITH THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AND TRY TO GET AN EARLY RESPONSE FOR THE EMBASSY.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE. WILLIAM D. CHAPPERS, A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, MARRIED TO A PERUVIAN CITIZEN AND A LONG-TERM RESIDENT OF PERU, HAS REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN HIS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE RETURN OF PROPERTIES WHICH HE
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CLAIMS WERE EXPROPRIATED FROM HIM BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU IN 1969 WITHOUT COMPENSATION. ACCORDING TO MR. CHAPPERS' LAWYER, THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF PERU HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO A PETITION SUBMITTED IN OCTOBER 1977 ON MR. CHAPPERS' BEHALF. THE TEXT OF MR. CHAPPERS' PETITION IS ATTACHED TO THIS AIDE MEMOIRE.

MR. CHAPPERS, WHO AT PRESENT IS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES, HAS BROUGHT HIS CASE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND AT LEAST ONE U.S. SENATOR. BOTH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE SENATOR HAVE ASKED FOR A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THIS CASE, INCLUDING ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU TO RESOLVE MR. CHAPPERS' CLAIM.

IN VIEW OF THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT HAS TRANSPIRED SINCE THE EVENTS DESCRIBED IN MR. CHAPPERS' PETITION AS WELL AS THE PERIOD OF TIME ELAPSED SINCE THE PETITION WAS PRESENTED TO THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THIS CASE AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. END TEXT.
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